

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

The Old Testament is found in the 40th chapter of the Prophet Isaiah beginning at the 1st verse. This passage may be found in the pew bible on page 828.

[PAUSE] “Comfort, yes, comfort My people!” Says your God.

“Speak comfort to Jerusalem,
and cry out to her,

That her warfare is ended,
That her iniquity is pardoned;

For she has received
from the LORD’s hand
Double for all her sins.”

The voice of one crying in
the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the LORD;
Make straight in the desert
A highway for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted
And every mountain and hill
brought low;

The crooked places shall be
made straight

And the rough places smooth;

The glory of the LORD shall
be revealed,

And all flesh shall see *it* together;
For the mouth of the LORD has
spoken.”

The voice said, “Cry out!”

And he said, “What shall I cry?”

“All flesh *is* grass,

And all its loveliness *is* like the
flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,

Because the breath of the LORD
blows upon it;

Surely the people *are* grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God
stands forever.”

O Zion,

You who bring good tidings,
Get up into the high mountain;

O Jerusalem,

You who bring good tidings,

Lift up your voice with strength,
Lift *it* up, be not afraid;

Say to the cities of Judah, “Behold
your God!”

Behold, the Lord GOD shall come
with a strong *hand*,

And His arm shall rule for Him;

Behold, His reward *is* with Him,

And His work before Him.

He will feed His flock like a
shepherd;

He will gather the lambs with His
arm,

And carry *them* in His bosom,

And gently lead those who are with
young.

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Lord.

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The Psalter – Psalm 80:1-7

HEAR, O thou Shepherd of Israel,
thou that leadest Joseph like a flock;
* show thyself also, thou that sittest
upon the Cherubim.

Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and
Manasseh, * stir up thy strength, and
come and help us.

Turn us again, O God; * show the
light of thy countenance, and we
shall be whole.

O LORD God of hosts, * how long
wilt thou be angry with thy people
that prayeth?

Thou feedest them with the bread of
tears, * and givest them
plenteousness of tears to drink.

Thou hast made us a very strife unto
our neighbours, * and our enemies
laugh us to scorn.

Turn us again, thou God of hosts; *
show the light of thy countenance,
and we shall be whole.

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The New Testament is written in the fourth chapter of St. Paul's letter to the Philippians, beginning at the 4th verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 95.

[PAUSE] Rejoice in the Lord
always: and again I say, Rejoice.
Let your moderation be known
unto all men. The Lord is at hand.
Be anxious for nothing; but in
every thing by prayer and
supplication with thanksgiving let
your requests be made known
unto God.

And the peace of God, which
passeth all understanding, shall
keep your hearts and minds
through Christ Jesus.

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